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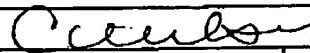
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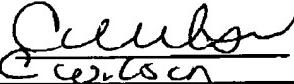
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PATENT APPLICATION

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Serial No.: **10/790,620** Filed: **3/1/04**  
Examiner: **Stultz, Jessica T.** Group Art Unit: **2873**  
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING A BIAS  
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